

Washington D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy (CA-22) released the following statement regarding House passage of the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act (H.R. 4480):

“America has always been a bastion of innovation, fueled by an inherent entrepreneurial spirit. Today, that same spirit is responsible for revolutionary exploration and drilling technologies that have empowered the energy industry to lead the way in incredible economic growth in states that are rich with energy resources. This innovation has also led to projections that America can become independent from foreign sources of oil.

“Through increased domestic energy production, states such as North Dakota and Oklahoma are enjoying unemployment rates significantly lower than the country’s national average of 8.2%. However, this increased production is occurring on privately owned lands, not public lands - where the majority of our energy potential is located.

“This Administration’s lack of a plan to allow for the safe and reliable development of energy on federal lands severely limits our ability to achieve an economic and manufacturing renaissance. The Domestic Energy and Jobs Act requires that the federal government plans for the responsible development of energy-rich, federally-owned lands. Doing this will increase American-made energy while creating American-made jobs. There is no reason for the Senate not to act on this common-sense American jobs bill.”